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Application No.: 09/604,739)	Confirmation No.: 5299
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For: CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM DRAWING)		July 10, 2003
DATA CREATION METHOD, AND :		
CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM DRAWING)		
APPARATUS USING THE SAME :		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

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